



The 16th December is like a sabbath for the Boer volk, dedicated to thanksgiving JHWH, for to obey to the vow that the Voortrekkers (pioneers) did in the 1838. A vote that committed all their biological-spiritual descendants.

After the murder of Piet Retief, perpetrated by the Zulus, and the massacre of several hundred Voortrekkers in Natal, the Boer pioneers survivors gathered themselves under Andries Pretorius, who decided to lead them against the Zulu army.

On the 9th December 1938, under the spiritual guidance of Sarel Cilliers, a contingent of 471 men committed themselves as follows:

Here we stand before the holy God [JHWH. Ed] of heaven and earth, to make a vow to Him that, if He will protect us and give our enemy into our hand, we shall keep this day and date every year as a day of thanksgiving like a sabbath, and that we shall erect a house to His honour wherever it should please Him, and that we also will tell our children that they should share in that with us in memory for future generations. For the honour of His name will be glorified by giving Him the fame and honour for the victory.

On 16th December 1838, near the Ncome River, 471 pioneers defeated a Zulu army of more than 15,000 units. More than 3,000 Zulus died, and not even a Vortrekker was seriously injured. For the Zulus was the first major defeat of their glorious epic. Their blood copiously dyed red the waters of Ncome, so that battle is remembered as the [Battle of Blood River](#) .